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All: I'm a little concerned about the following quote from the attached article which does not appear to be accurate:

In addition, the EPA has set aside approximately \$125 million for cleanup efforts and improving the health care system in the area over a five-year period.

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## Remediation in Libby, Montana Sheds Light on Mesothelioma Concern

Wednesday, May 12th, 2010

According to a press release issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), two properties (Operable Units) in Libby, Montana will soon receive complete remediation. The units being worked on are former W.R. Grace & Company export and screening plants.

Libby is the town where W.R. Grace operated an asbestos-contaminated vermiculite mine for more than 60 years. As a result, those living in the town were exposed to varying amounts of asbestos, a mineral known to cause mesothelioma and other fatal illnesses if inhaled or ingested.

Since the official closing of the mine in 1990, nearly 2,000 Libby residents have been affected by an asbestos-related condition. For mesothelioma, symptoms may take as long as 20 to 50 years to arise after being exposed to asbestos, which can significantly affect the mesothelioma life expectancy of a patient.

The EPA plans to remove asbestos-contaminated soil from around the properties and use fresh soil as a capping technique to seal off any remaining toxic components.

The Director of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Richard Oppen, said, "EPA believes that public health and the environment in Libby are best served by moving forward with these remedies in order to effectively break soil exposure pathways and prepare these important properties for reuse. EPA will work closely with the City of Libby, the owner of OU 1, during the design so the remedy will complement any planned future use of the property."

After declaring a public health emergency for the town of Libby in June 2009, the EPA and the Department of Health and Human Services have begun using a \$6 million health care grant to treat patients with an asbestos-related condition.

In addition, the EPA has set aside approximately \$125 million for cleanup efforts and improving the health care system in the area. The funds for the public health emergency will span over a five-year period.

Additional information on mesothelioma and asbestos exposure may be found through the Mesothelioma Center.

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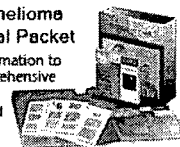
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